

# MIDDLE CLASS SCHOLARSHIP (MCS) 101



*Presented by:  
California Student Aid  
Commission, Institutional  
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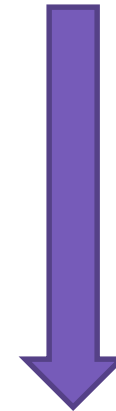
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- All questions can be typed in the Q&A panel to the right, staff is available to answer your questions
- As you exit today's webinar, you'll be prompted to complete a brief survey, your response is greatly appreciated

# MIDDLE CLASS SCHOLARSHIP

## Implementation



- 2014-15 - \$107m
- 2015-16 - \$152m
- 2016-17 - \$228m
- 2017-18 - \$305m
- 2018-19 -
- 2019-20 -



# MIDDLE CLASS SCHOLARSHIP



- MCS awards began in 14-15 AY and offered each year thereafter
- To be considered, FAFSA/Dream Act application must be submitted by March 2
- Students must apply every year

# MIDDLE CLASS SCHOLARSHIP

## Who's Eligible?

*Only students who have less than 40% of their UC or CSU fees covered by grants and scholarships*

Not in default  
on student loan

Meet SAP

Not  
Incarcerated

Is exempt from  
paying  
nonresident  
tuition

Less than  
\$150,000

Meets Sel.  
Service

U.S. Citizen,  
eligible Non-  
Citizen, or AB540

# MIDDLE CLASS SCHOLARSHIP

## **Enrollment Requirements**

Must enroll in a CSU/UC

Must be at least ½ time

1<sup>st</sup> Undergraduate program

Maintain SAP

Benefits extend to Teaching  
Credential Program



# MCS AWARD AMOUNTS

- Earnings up to \$150,000
- Final award based on students eligible & funding allocated
- Eligibility determined after students awarded federal, state and institutional aid



# FINANCIAL AID OFFSETS FOR MCS

## Federal Aid

- Pell Grant
- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)
- Teach Grant
- Bureau Indian Affairs Grants (BIA)





# FINANCIAL AID OFFSETS FOR MCS

## **State Aid**

- Cal Grant
- Chafee Grant
- Child Development Grant
- Law Enforcement Personnel Dependents Grant (LEPD)
- California National Guard Education Assistance Award Program (CNG EAAP)



# FINANCIAL AID OFFSETS FOR MCS

## Institutional Aid

- Need-based grants
- Education Opportunity Programs
- Fee Waivers (ex. Alan Pattee)
- Portion of merit scholarship designated for fees
- Veterans benefits and other fee waivers (vocational rehab, etc.)



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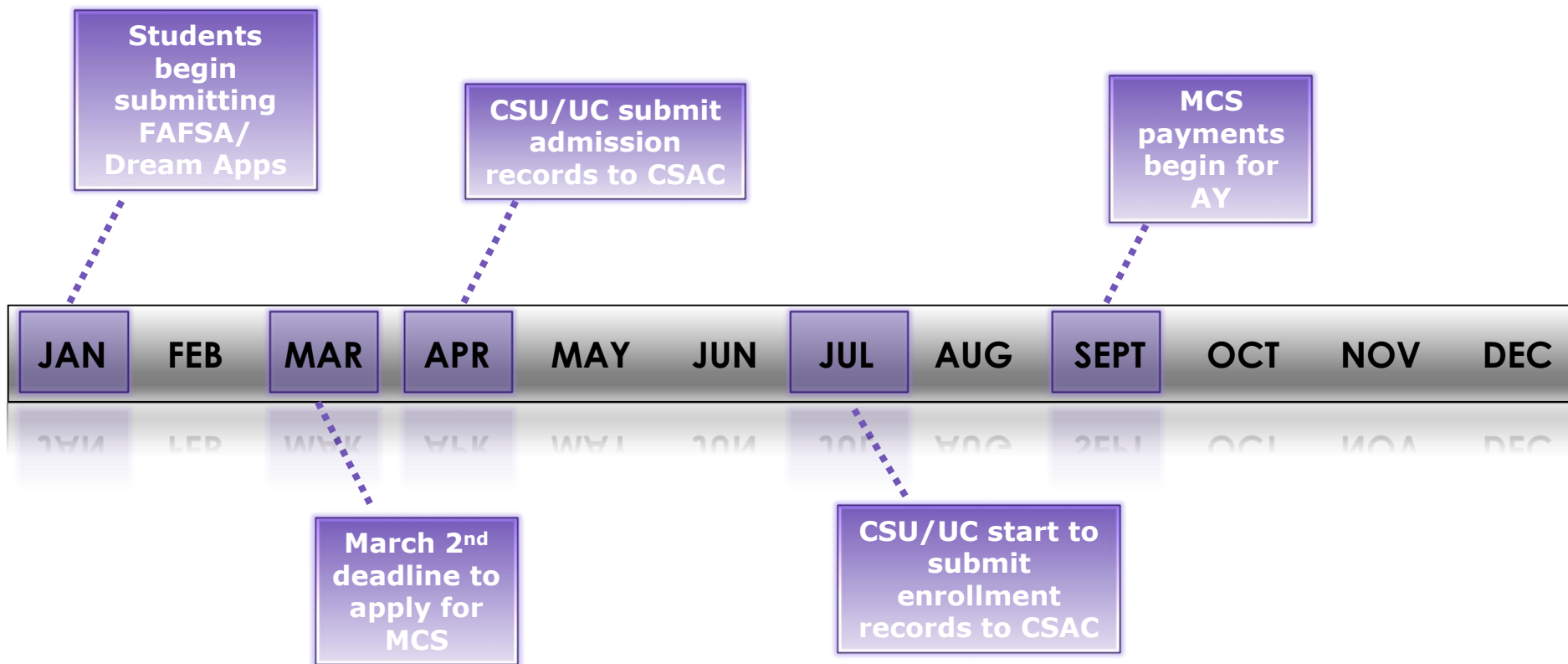
Well my family made \$119,000 last year... What can I get from MCS?

Unfortunately, if you earned over \$150,000 last year, you do not qualify for MCS

My Husband and I made \$151,000 last year... Do I qualify?



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\*2014/15 Scholarship Amount  
\$192

School on File  
CSU BAKERSFIELD

\*Your Middle Class Scholarship amount may be adjusted or withdrawn based on revised information provided by your school.

## Important Middle Class Scholarship Information

- ✓ If you are not attending the school listed above, you must contact the financial aid office of the CSU or UC school you are attending to inform them of your potential MCS eligibility.
- ✓ Complete all financial aid requirements with your financial aid office.

To check the status of your MCS award, go to the WebGrants for Students (WGS) website located at [www.webgrants4students.org](http://www.webgrants4students.org). On WGS, you should create an account by clicking the link that says "Create an Account" or log into your existing account. Make sure to visit WGS periodically to obtain important program and contact information. For more information about the Middle Class Scholarship, go to <http://www.csac.ca.gov/>



2014-2015 Middle Class Scholarship Notification



• JOE N LAHR  
• 5013 FRUITVALE AVENUE  
• BAKERSFIELD CA 93308

Date 05/16/2014  
CSAC ID Number 101308150

Congratulations! The California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) has determined you are eligible to receive a Middle Class Scholarship (MCS) award for the 2014-15 academic year! The MCS program may offset some of the mandatory system-wide tuition and fees for eligible CSU and UC undergraduate students.

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PRIVACY STATEMENT: Middle Class Scholarship information for students who are 18 years of age or older will only be released to a third party with written authorization from the student.

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# THANK YOU!

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